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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d)

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ATTENTION: Assistant Commissioner  
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a  
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March 21, 1997, entitled TELEVISION DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR  
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by the following named inventor(s) identified by full name, citizenship,  
residence and post office address, which are the same or fewer than all of  
the inventors named in the prior nonprovisional application (as of today's  
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ATTACHMENT II-A

The above-identified prior nonprovisional application, in which no payment  
of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings, has  
occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this

request for a continued prosecution application. Please use the file jacket and all the contents of the prior nonprovisional application, including the specification, drawings, and the oath or declaration, as the basic papers for the new continued prosecution application. (Note: 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) may be used for applications where the prior application is not to be abandoned.)

1. ( ) Because this continued prosecution application is filed by fewer than all of the inventors named in the prior nonprovisional application, please delete from this application the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:  
  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. ( ) Priority of application number \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
  - ( ) The certified copy of the priority document has been filed in prior application number \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ( ) A certified copy of the priority document is enclosed.
3. ( ) An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
  - ( ) A Form PTO-1449 is enclosed.
  - ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ References (copies) listed on the Form PTO-1449 are enclosed.
4. (X) A separate written request under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3), which is a general authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for its timely submission as incorporating a petition for an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, is enclosed.
5. (X) A Return Receipt Postcard is enclosed (MPEP §503).
6. ( ) Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. §1.28(a)(2)):
  - ( ) A statement of status as small entity is enclosed.
  - ( ) A statement of status as small entity was filed in the prior, nonprovisional application, and small entity status is still proper and desired in this new nonprovisional application.
  - ( ) Status as a small entity is no longer claimed.
7. ( ) Enter the amendment previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. §1.116, but unentered, in the prior nonprovisional application.

- ( ) A preliminary amendment to the prior nonprovisional application (as it existed prior to the filing of this new application) requesting new changes to the prior nonprovisional application is enclosed, and does not introduce new matter into the prior or new application.

9. (X) The filing fee is calculated below:

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11. (X) A check in the amount of \$ 928.00 is enclosed.
12. (X) The prior nonprovisional application is assigned of record to Information Resources, Inc.
13. (X) The power of attorney in the prior nonprovisional application is to:  
(X) Kenneth H. Samples, Reg. No. 25,747,  
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Suite 1600  
120 South LaSalle Street  
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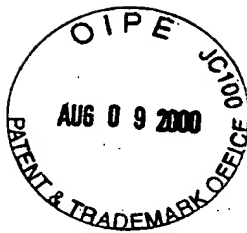


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October 13, 1999  
(Date)

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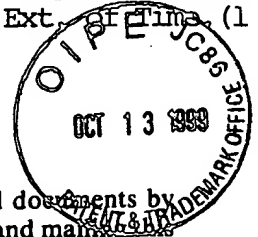
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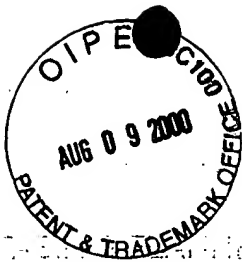
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